

Science Priorities and Process

2006 Focused PSP

- Tools designed to fill high priority knowledge gaps
- Streamlined and focused to better respond to management needs
- Competitive and scientifically credible process
- PSP: \$6 million, \$1-2 million for each of 4 focused research topics
- Used recent public efforts to help identify research priorities

Priorities identified through recent public efforts:

- POD review panel
- OCAP review panel
- EWA workshop
- ERP Mercury workshop
- Delta Science Panel
- DRMS
- Input from agencies and stakeholders

2006 PSP Topics

- Environmental Water
- Aquatic Invasive (Exotic) Species
- Trends and Patterns of Populations and System Response to a Changing Environment
- Habitat Availability and Response to Change

Topic Details

- Need/importance
- Questions
- Key study components

All proposals must address at least one of the topics and one or more of the questions & associated key study components within the selected topic.

Draft Schedule

May 24, 2006	Topic Selection Panel
June 15, 2006	Priority topics recommendation presented to the Authority
June 30, 2006	Proposal Solicitation Package open
August 31, 2006	Proposal Solicitation Package closed
September 1-15, 2006	Administrative review of Proposals
Sept 15 – Nov 15, 2006	External Scientific Review of Proposals
Nov 15-30, 2006	Technical Synthesis Panel Review of Proposals
December 11, 2006	Funding recommendation presented to the Authority